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Dear Jim,

Thanks for the time and effort on that phony Mark Brown. I've finished the book except for an almost finished commentary on its epilogue. Throughout I've been open in my not believing he was ever an FBI SA. At most he flunked out of the academy. Sorry I have no contacts with any publishers who might be interested and know nothing about any Texas book publishers in particular because I think it might go there because of his outrageous allegation for which he does not even pretend to offer proof. I shred him with some thoroughness and on fact, not theories. He is astoundingly ignorant of the established fact. If I think of it I'll copy part of the dust jacket and enclose it. It says he is a former special agent of the DJ. I think he is probably in his 40s so the people you know would not have known him.

^{His} stuff is so outrageous he even put me in the position of defending Hoover.

He gives "The Gemberling Report" as the name of the first report the FBI gave the Commission in whose records it is CBI. Gemberling never saw it unless he got a file copy later. No cracks about him or you, though.

I knew Hosty's book was due about now and wrote a friend in New York to see if she could get it for me. The weather before the storms kept me close to the house or in it. I've had no answer. Since I've heard that it was published by an outfit Arcade that is part of a bigger outfit. Gemberling is undoubtedly correct, he balmes everyone else. He's been rather slack-jawed over the years and I fear has begun to believe his own stuff. What he has been writing and getting in places like the Wall Street Journal is what Gemberling expects of the book.

One of the many friends I've never met, a retiree from Minnesota moved to Florida and a fine man spent a ~~last~~ brief period with Mary. She had an accident when they left the restaurant but said she came out of it OK. Glad she and Buck and hanging in and regret the added drain on her.

The weather here is as severe as the TV has shown for the area but aside from it being too dangerous for us to go out we've made out OK. A ^{friend} ~~friend~~ came the evening of the first day of the 24" snow and plowed out lane and was back every day, sometimes more than once a day, and aside from being drifted in at the house were not really snow-bound if there had been an emergency. I was tired and retired earlier than my usual early hour last night and he came after he had supped and plowed us out of the ten-incher we got yesterday. He is out doing lanes now and he'll get the drifts out so a neighbor can do some shopping for us tomorrow. The stores undoubtedly have little. All we had over three feet. Thanks for the time and effort. Best to you all,

Lawrence